

Mine and Employment Characteristics, 2006

Data Source: MSHA

Commodity and Type of Employer	Number of Mining Operations			Number of Employees			Number of FTE Employees		
	Underground	Surface	Total	Underground	Surface	Total	Underground	Surface	Total
Coal Operator	675	1,438	2,113	38,253	47,440	85,693	42,598	51,897	94,495
Metal Operator	92	188	280	4,539	28,335	32,874	4,575	29,397	33,972
Nonmetal Operator	46	695	741	2,374	20,677	23,051	2,415	20,806	23,221
Stone Operator	122	4,451	4,573	1,877	80,706	82,583	2,154	83,247	85,402
Sand and Gravel Operator	NA	7,178	7,178	NA	46,069	46,069	NA	39,796	39,796
Operator Total	935	13,950	14,885	47,043	223,227	270,270	51,742	225,144	276,886
	Number of Companies								
Coal Contractor	NA	NA	2,724	4,762	32,520	37,282	2,903	20,175	23,078
Noncoal Contractor	NA	NA	4,686	1,815	54,130	55,945	1,401	29,893	31,294
Contractor Total	NA	NA	7,410	6,577	86,650	93,227	4,304	50,068	54,372
TOTAL				53,620	309,877	363,497	56,046	275,212	331,258

FTE Full-time equivalent (FTE) employees computed using reported hours worked (2,000 hours = 1 FTE).

NA Not applicable.

Mines reporting employment for the subunit "Surface Operations at Underground Mines" were counted as underground mines. Mining operations reporting only office employees were classified as either underground or surface based on the reported mine type. Mines at which only independent contractors were working were not counted.

Worker location was the determining factor used in classifying employees as either underground or surface workers. Employees who were reported for the subunit "Surface Operations at Underground Mines" were counted as surface workers.